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DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES
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Home Health Provider Letter # A-93

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Dear Home Health Provider:

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) implemented a prior authorization (PA) process effective December 3, 2001. In order to make certain that the PA process was being followed, DMS implemented a PA edit in the system. Because of a high volume of home health claims being denied, the edit was deactivated in February 2002.

Effective January 1, 2004, the home health PA edit will be reactivated. Therefore, claims with a date of service on or after January 1, 2004 will require **detailed dates of service**. This means for each service that was provided to the home health recipient, a date must be entered on the UB-92 claim form. Additionally, each claim must be submitted (billed) both PA pure AND month pure. For example, if the 60-day PA service plan period is from 01/03/04 to 02/02/04, two (2) separate claims must be submitted to Unisys for services provided. The first claim would be from 01/03/04 through 01/31/04. The second claim must be submitted for 02/01/04 through 02/02/04. It should be noted that if a claim is submitted *PA pure only*, then the claim would *deny* as the provider must bill *month pure* also.

Should there be questions regarding this letter or home health services policy, you may contact Craig Cooper at (502) 564-5560 or by email at craig.cooper@mail.state.ky.us.

As always, DMS appreciates the continuing cooperation from all home health providers and the services you provide to the recipients of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Mike Robinson

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Commissioner

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